परियोजना की लागत जिसमें 45 कि० मी० आमान परिवर्तन तथा 60 कि०मी० नयी लाइन का निर्माण शामिल है लगभग 75 करोड़ रुपये होगी।

Boeing service on Delhi Hyderabad Sector

893. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a heavy waitlist of passengers on Delhi Hyderabad sector ;

(b) whether the Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism had committed long ago to introduce an additional Boeing service between Delhi and Hyderabad ; and

(c) if so, what are the reason for delay in introducing the said service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : There is no heavy waitlist.

(b) and (c) Augmentation of capacity between Delhi and Hyderabad by Indian airlines will depend upon availability of sufficient aircraft capacity and adequate traffic potential.

Involvement of private sector in the development of major ports

894. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India has suggested involvement of private sector in the development and modernisation of major ports in the country, by clear demarcation of operational responsibilities between the public and the private sectors ; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India in its National Seminar on Shipping Ports and Containerisation in Deccember, 1988 has made a number of recommendations, including private participation in the development and modernisation of major Ports, etc. These recommendations were forwarded to the Government in February, 1989 and have been referred to various concerned agencies for their comments. It is not possible to react to these recommendations at this stage.

Withdrawal of Westland helicopters

895. SHRI PARAVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state whether Government are considering to withdraw the Westland helicopter from service, in view of the defects found in these helicopters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : No, Sir. The presumption about the defects is not totally based on factual position.

Development of land by Nhava Sheva Port Trust

896. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Maharashtra Government has urged Government to ask Nhava Sheva Port Trust to bear the cost of development of

12·5% of additional land to be granted to the persons affected by NSPT project ; and

(b) is so, what are the grounds put forward by Maharashtra Government and the action taken by the Central Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government of Maharashtra have based their request on the ground that the expenditure involved related to the development of the land for resettlement of the project affected persons of the Nhava Sheva Port Project. The view of the Central Government is that the Nhava Sheva Port was asked to bear only the cost of acquisition of additional land for the resettlement of these displaced persons and the development of land had to be done by CIDCO, as communicated by the State Government to the Central Government in March, 1984. Therefore, Nhava Sheva Port should not be asked to bear the cost of development of this land. No further action is, therefore, required to be taken by the Central Government in this regard.

Maharashtra's request for transfer of Railway land in Bombay

897. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN ; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has urged the Railways to transfer the tenure of the land beyond 30 feet of rail track in Bobmay so that a wall can be built up under the World Bank Project and Prime Minister's Grants project;

(b) if so, what are the details of this request; and

(c) what action has been taken thereon by the Railways?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra have requested the Railways for transfer of railway lands which fall outside the safety zone (taken as 30 feet if a wall is constructed) and which are not required by the Railways for future development works, to undertake the slum upgradation programme.

(c) The subject has been discussed between the officials of the Railways and the State Government and certain decisions reached.

Starting of local trains on Diva-Vasai Line

898. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways proposed to start local trains on Diva-Visai rail line in view of the decision to start Pune-Ahmedabad train from May 1, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Lack of adequate infrastructural facility.

Visit of the Chairman of the House Asian and Pacific Affairs Sub-Committee of U.S. to India

899. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of